

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER

ADOPTION OF
CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. R1-2010-0079

FOR

THE COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
WDID No. 1B80121OHUM, NPDES No. CA0006700

Humboldt County

The College of the Redwoods Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R1-2010-0003, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0006700, WDID No. 1B80121OHUM, adopted by the Regional Water Board on June 10, 2010 with an effective date of September 1, 2010. The NPDES permit incorporates new effluent limitations for several constituents, including copper, lead, and silver. Violations for will occur routinely, unless additional measures are undertaken. The Discharger indicates that additional is necessary to perform source identification, assessment, and reduction strategies to achieve full compliance with permit requirements. Tentative Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2010-0079 provides a list of tasks and associated schedule of deadlines to achieve full compliance.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, proposes to adopt Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2010-0079 for the College of the Redwoods WWTF on October 28, 2010, for violations and threatened violations of Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Order No. R1-2010-0079.

The Regional Water Board will consider the tasks and the associated schedule required under Order No. R1-2010-0079. The revised schedule would result in a 37 month delay in achieving ultimate compliance with provisions of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2010-0003 NPDES Permit No. CA0006700.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public meeting to consider comments and objections to the proposed amended permit language is scheduled for October 28, 2010, in Santa Rosa at 9:00 a.m. or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held at the

Regional Water Board Hearing Room, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Santa Rosa, California. At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed changes to the waste discharge requirements.

The Discharger and interested persons must submit to the Regional Water Board office at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California, 95403, written copies of all technical reports, testimony, and other evidentiary material concerning this issue by 5:00 p.m. on September 23, 2010. This written material will be submitted to the Regional Water Board members and all interested persons along with the full agenda materials.

Written material received after the above date will not be accepted, except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. Untimely written material will not be accepted or incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Discharger or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Sections 648.1 and 648.4).

All those who plan to testify at the hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Quality Control Board by October 15, 2010. The statements should provide the name of the witness, their qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of their intended testimony. Testimony at the above-scheduled hearing may summarize or explain timely submitted or late accepted written evidence, but shall not add new evidence. The time constraints for oral testimony or comments will be set by Regional Water Board Chair and usually will allow no more than 10 minutes for Regional Water Board staff and the Discharger and three minutes for other interested persons. A timer may be used and speakers are expected to honor the time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

Document Review

The tentative Order related documents and comments received are on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer

September 13, 2010